

SENATE BILL NO. 18

INTRODUCED BY WHEAT

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN ADDITIONAL DISTRICT COURT JUDGE FOR THE 18TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION; AMENDING SECTION 3-5-102, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 3-5-102, MCA, is amended to read:

"3-5-102. Number of judges. In each judicial district, there must be the following number of judges of the district court:

- (1) in the 2nd, 7th, 16th, ~~18th~~, 20th, and 21st districts, two judges each;
- (2) in the 1st, ~~and 11th, and 18th~~ districts, three judges each;
- (3) in the 4th and 8th districts, four judges;
- (4) in the 13th district, five judges;
- (5) in all other districts, one judge each."

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Provisional appointment -- election.** The additional judge for the 18th judicial district must be appointed pursuant to the provisions of Title 3, chapter 1, part 10, to take office on or after ~~July 1, 2005~~ JANUARY 2, 2006. There must be an election for the office at the general election to be held in November 2006 for a 6-year term to begin in January 2007.

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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